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Serial No.: 09/679,470	§	
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Filing Date: October 4, 2000	§	Art Unit: 3677
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For: Corrosion Seal for Threaded Connections	§	Examiner: Carlos Lugo
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 3, 2003, applicants desire to amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claims as Presented:

1. (Twice Amended) A connector for connecting together the free pin end and the free box end of two tubular bodies comprising:

a non-upset pin having pin threads formed externally on an end of a first tubular body, said pin threads having a pin thread root extending along a frustoconical surface from a starting vanishing point on said first tubular body and terminating adjacent the free pin end, said pin threads further being formed on a tubular section of said first tubular body having an outside diameter no greater than an outside diameter of a major length of said first tubular body,

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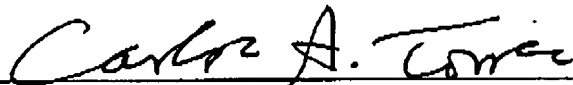
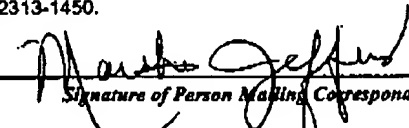
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Invention: CORROSION SEAL FOR THREADED CONNECTIONS					
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